



CITY OF SAN DIMAS

2023 OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE

Carolyn Gomm



The City of San Dimas is proud to announce the selection of Carolyn Gomm as the 2023 Older American Honoree! Carolyn was nominated by several San Dimas residents and chosen by the San Dimas Senior Commission to represent the City of San Dimas for 2023.

Carolyn has lived in San Dimas for many years. She is retired from the Bonita Unified School District where she taught for 32 years. Once Carolyn retired, she did not slow down.

With her many years of experience as an educator, she became a valued volunteer in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. Carolyn was also a dedicated volunteer for the 4th Grade "Hands on History" program, offered through the Bonita Unified School District. This creative program enables students to learn California history by living it through hands on activities such as panning for gold at Big Dalton in Glendora or all-day activities at the Palomares Adobe in Pomona. Carolyn continues to be involved in education, through Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of retired and current teachers, who raise funds for scholarships and grants for new educators. As a member, Carolyn collects school supplies, assembles activity boxes for children in the hospital and collects books for classroom libraries.

About 10 years ago, Carolyn's late husband, Nolan suggested that they focus more on volunteering in their own community of San Dimas. They began volunteering for the Hope Partners Food Pantry in San Dimas, where Carolyn still volunteers 2-3 days a week. Carolyn has served many roles over the years as a volunteer there. Currently Carolyn and her friend Judy, shop for fresh food for the pantry so that people can have food items such as eggs, produce, meat and dairy. These are items not always provided at a food pantry. Carolyn says, "she really enjoys the people she works with and feels like volunteering has been a great opportunity for her.

Carolyn's years of notable dedication and efforts have helped all ages, from school children to seniors in San Dimas and the surrounding communities. The City of San Dimas will recognize Carolyn at the May 9th City Council meeting. Carolyn will also be recognized in May by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.